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TAGS: UNDP,EAID, OCON

SUBJECT: VENUE OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING  
IN JUNE 1976

REF: STATE 237233

1. ON OCTOBER 16 ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM TOLD  
AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR HALUSA THAT WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING  
WHICH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES MIGHT BE HELD IN VIENNA  
AND THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE AUSTRIAN  
GOVERNMENT CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF HOSTING THE UNDP  
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD IN JUNE OF 1976.  
BUFFUM DISCUSSED CUBA'S INVITATION TO HOST THIS CON-  
FERENCE AND POINTED OUT THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT MUST  
PAY FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS WHEN THE GC MEETING IS NOT HELD  
IN NEW YORK OR GENEVA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT NEW YORK  
WILL QUITE LIKELY BE SELECTED AS THE SITE BUT THAT  
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AUSTRIA'S INVITATION TO HOST IN JUNE OF 1976 WOULD

PROBABLY IMPROVE ITS PROSPECTS FOR HOSTING A GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING IN 1977. HE SUGGESTED THAT AUSTRIA MIGHT THEREFORE WISH TO STAKE ITS CLAIM AT THIS TIME.

2. AMBASSADOR HALUSA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PROPOSAL AND SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT IT TO HIS GOVERNMENT. HE COMMENTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD ACTUALLY BE MORE INTERESTED IN THE JANUARY THAN IN THE JUNE ANNUAL MEETING, BECAUSE OF TOURIST SEASON CROWDING, AND THAT ITS LONG-RANGE HOPE WOULD BE TO PLACE VIENNA ON A PAR WITH GENEVA SO THAT SUCH CONFERENCES COULD BE HELD AT NO COST TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. BUFFUM POINTED OUT IN CONCLUSION THAT CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL NOW BE GOING ON IN NEW YORK AND THAT, IF THE AUSTRIANS DO DECIDE TO SUBMIT AN INVITATION, THEN "THE SOONER THE BETTER".

4. ON OCTOBER 21 AMBASSADOR HALUSA INFORMED BUFFUM THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN THE PROPOSAL AND HAD REQUESTED FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE GC MEETING. BUFFUM HAS NOW SUPPLIED HIM WITH THESE DETAILS.

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